

# BLACKSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT

## NEWS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: Attempted Armed Robbery

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Blacksburg Police are investigating an Attempted Armed Robbery that occurred just after 10:00 pm tonight.

At 10:02 p.m., on August 16, 2005, police responded to the Deli Mart located in the 800 block of Glade Road for the report of an Attempted Armed Robbery. The clerk on duty stated to investigating officers that two masked men, dressed in hooded sweatshirts, attempted to enter the store as she closed for the evening. Both suspects wielded weapons; one a shotgun and the other a rifle. Fortunately, the door had already been locked and the two would-be robbers could not gain access to the store. The two suspects instead chose to flee on foot without any proceeds from their robbery attempt. The clerk then dialed 911 to summon police. The two suspects led police on a foot chase, but were apprehended a short time later in areas near the crime scene with the assistance of the Virginia State Police, Virginia Tech Police, and the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office and their K-9 unit. One suspect was located and taken into custody in a nearby apartment complex, while the other was apprehended in a field adjacent to U. S. Route 460. Both weapons used in the crime were recovered by police.

Police arrested William Charles Morva, 23, of Blacksburg and Jeffrey Scott Roberts, 21, also of Blacksburg in the incident. Each was charged with Attempted Armed Robbery and the Use of a Firearm in the Commission of a Felony. The two were incarcerated in the Montgomery County Jail and are currently being held without bond.

Police continue to investigate this incident.